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SUBJ: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY DIALOGUE WITH GOVERNMENT OF EL
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1. LEFTWARD DRIFT OF OPPOSITION AND DISSIDENT FORCES WAS
DESCRIBED IN REFTEL AS AUGMENTING RANKS OF THOSE EXTREMIST
GROUPS COMMITTED TO VIOLENT SOLUTION OF EL SALVADOR'S MANY
POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

2. IN A NATIONAL ORDINARY CONVENTION OF MAY 7, CHRISTIAN
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) PLEDGED SELF TO A NEW AND VIGOROUS
LINE OF POLITICAL ACTION. IN AN ELEVEN-POINT STATEMENT
IT LAID OUT FOR ITSELF AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAM DESIGNED TO
GATHER PUBLIC SUPPORT, STRENGTHEN ITS ORGANIZATIONAL
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STRUCTURE, DEVELOP A NEW STRATEGY, EVOLVE A DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM, AUGMENT ITS STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, ACHIEVE
AN OPENING TO DEMOCRACY, AND FORTIFY ITS CAPACITY FOR
EFFECTIVE POLITICAL ACTION.

3. REFTEL REPORTED PDC NEW READINESS FOR RESUMED DIALOGUE
WITH ROMERO ADMINISTRATION.

4. ON MAY 19, PDC WROTE TO PRESIDENT ROMERO AND LISTED WHAT IT CONSIDERED THE BASIC TASKS WHICH LAY AHEAD. IN BRIEF SUMMARY, PDC ENUMERATED:

A. CORRECTION OF UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION AND MISTAKEN UTILIZATION OF NATION'S WEALTH;

B. POLITICAL SOLUTION ESSENTIAL TO ANY ECONOMIC SOLUTION;

C. CORRECTION OF PAST ERRORS IN SUCH MATTERS AS DISAPPEARED PERSONS, POLITICAL EXILES, ETC.;

D. END OF REPRESSION IN TERMS OF ARRESTS, ABUSES OF ORDER, PERSECUTION OF POLITICAL PARTIES, JUDICIAL IMPROPRIETY, LACK OF HABEAS CORPUS, AND IMPROPER INTERROGATION PROCEDURES;

E. RETURN TO THE RULE OF LAW IN TERMS OF INDIVIDUAL GUARANTEES, RESPECT FOR POLITICAL RIGHTS, FREE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, END OF THE ACTIVIST ROLE OF ORDER, RESCISSION OF CERTAIN PENAL PROCEDURES, AND DEROGATION OF THE LAW FOR DEFENSE AND GUARANTEE OF PUBLIC ORDER.

F. RESPECT FOR RIGHT OF THE OPPOSITION TO CONSTITUTE
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ITSELF AS A REAL ALTERNATIVE TO THE PARTY IN POWER (VARIOUS RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS ARE LISTED).

5. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS ARE ELATED AT RESULTS OF FIRST MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ROMERO. THEY FOUND HIM UNEXPECTEDLY RECEPTIVE AND WILLING TO LISTEN. WHILE PRESIDENT RULED OUT SOME SUBJECTS AS NOT SUITABLE FOR DISCUSSION "AT PRESENT TIME," HE SURPRISED AND PLEASED CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS WITH HIS WILLINGNESS TO HEAR THEM OUT AND WITH HIS APPARENT READINESS TO CARRY FORWARD WITH THE DIALOGUE.
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